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Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 10:24 AM
To: PortlandHarbor
Subject: FW: Harbor Clean Up

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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016. Thank you!

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2016 6:21 PM
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I grew up in Oregon but have lived in California for the last 20 years. Upon my return I have been very surprised to see how far behind Oregon is in many environmental issues.
I am also proud to see the many like minded Oregonians who won't accept this any longer.
The time has come for the EPA to do what it is charged with; put the interests of ecology before commerce.
It is painfully clear that the EPA has been far too chummy with major polluters like: Arkema, Bayer, BNSF Railroad, Chevron, Gunderson, Kinder Morgan, NW Natural Gas, Phillips 66, Port of Portland, Siltronic, TOCHoldings Co and Union Pacific. It is hard to imagine that these very established, prosperous companies that have left such a indelible mark on the Willamette river could be induced to 1) financially participate in cleaning it up in responsible and verifiable ways and 2) finding ways to limit further contamination!

It's wonderful to be back to Oregon but where has our commitment to this beautiful state gone ?

I don't see it evidenced in our current agencies, like the EPA, Fish and Game and a slew of business organizations that we have entrusted with the health and well being of our water, land and people. Please, don't let the Willamette or Portland continue to become a toxic dump !

Sincerely

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Sent from my iPad